Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 16-23 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 15 shows expression of SM-MHC 4.2-Intron-*lacZ* at 19.5 days p.c. Embryos were harvested at 19.5 days p.c., fixed with a 2% formaldehyde/0.2% paraformaldehyde solution and stained overnight at room temperature for β -galactosidase activity using 5-bromo-chloro-3-indolyl- β -D-galactopyranoside (X-Gal) as the substrate. Embryos were then cleared in benzyl benzoate:benzyl alcohol (2:1). Panel A: Saggital section of 19.5 day embryo. Panel B: Closeup of thoracic cavity. Panel C: Iliac artery and vein. ~~Panel D: Vessels within the musculature of the thoracic wall.~~ --

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 11-12 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 25 shows transgene expression of the intronic CArG region-minimal TK-*Lac*Z. Various tissues of 4-week-old transgenic mice and embryos of the 3xICR-TK *Lac*Z line (7240) were stained for β-galactosidase activity. A, B, anterior view of the heart and lung; C, the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum; D, a part of small intestine; E, a cross section of the bladder; ~~F, bottom view of the brain. G,~~ anterior view of the kidneys, ureter, abdominal organs and great blood vessels; G, ~~H-K~~ histological examination of the thoracic aorta; H, ~~(H),~~ pulmonary artery and bronchus; I, ~~(I),~~ cardiac muscle, ~~and~~ coronary artery ~~(J),~~ and intercostal muscle ~~(K)~~ of the 3xICR-TK *Lac*Z transgenic mice. ~~L, M, transgene expression in a 19.5 dpc embryo of the 3xICR-TK *Lac*Z line. The embryo was skinned, sectioned sagittally along the midline, stained, and cleared. N, transgene expression in the heart and aorta of a 16.5 dpc embryo.~~ Ao indicates aorta; PA, pulmonary artery; SMA, superior mesenteric artery; IVC, inferior vena cava; H, heart; Br, bronchus; Eso, esophagus; Int, intestine; S, stomach; Bl, bladder.--